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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT STATEMENT ON FRG-GDR BOUNDARY
INCIDENTS

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1. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
ON JULY 28 REGARDING THE RECENT INCIDENTS ON THE FRG-
GDR BOUNDARY. BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE CABINET DISCUSSED TODAY THE SERIOUS
INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED ON THE INNER-GERMAN BORDER
OVER THE PAST WEEKEND. AN UNARMED MAN WHO HAD
APPROACHED THE GDR BORDER FORTIFICATIONS WAS SHOT DOWN.
AT ANOTHER LOCATION THREE TOURISTS, INCLUDING A SIX-
YEAR OLD CHILD, WERE ARRESTED AND SUBJECTED TO AN
HOURS-LONG INTERROGATION. THE BEHAVIOR OF THE GDR
BORDER OFFICIALS SURPASSES ALL MEASURE OF SUITABLE
REACTION TO MINOR BORDER-CROSSING VIOLATIONS. THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS THIS BEHAVIOR, CONDEMNS
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ABOVE ALL THE USE OF WEAPONS AND THE INSTRUCTIONS

WHICH LIE BEHIND THEM. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS
CONSEQUENTLY ISSUED A PROTEST TO THE GDR.

2. THE INCIDENTS BURDEN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE
GDR IN A LASTING WAY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS
ALWAYS OBSERVED ITS AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED WITH THE GDR.
IT EXPECTS THAT THE GDR DO THE SAME. THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF
BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES.

3. IT IS ALSO A PART OF DETENTE TO MAKE THE
RELATIONSHIP ON THE BORDER HUMANE. THE OBSERVANCE OF
HUMAN RIGHTS IS A BASIC ELEMENT OF DETENTE POLICY. THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BASES ITS POLICY ON THE CHARTER OF
THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE PRINCIPLES OF CSCE.
IT DEMANDS THAT THE GDR DO THE SAME. THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT WILL WORK FOR THE CREATION BY THE UNITED
NATIONS OF AN ADDITIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH WILL SERVE
THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS.
END TEXT

2. COMMENT: THE UN INSTITUTION REFERRED TO BY
SCHMIDT IS APPARENTLY A UN HUMAN RIGHTS COURT WHICH
GENSCHER HAS TOLD THE PRESS HE WILL PROPOSE IN HIS
SPEECH TO UNGA IN SEPTEMBER.

3. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE VICTIM OF THE INCIDENT
REPORTED REFTEL IS NAMED BUBBERS VICE BUBBER.
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